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Talleri retires after 34 years

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Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri says goodbye to children as he exits Oshima Elementary School during a visit January 12, 2012 on Oshima Island, Japan. During the visit, Talleri and other personnel with III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Installations Pacific visited the Sendai International Airport and Oshima Island to allow key leadership the opportunity to meet with their Japanese counterparts and review community recovery progress since the devastating earthquake and tsunami struck on March 11, 2011. Talleri will retire June 14 after more than three decades of service to the Marine Corps. Talleri is the commanding general of MCIPAC and Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Matheus J. Hernandez

Japan officials visit Futenma

Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — Distinguished representatives of the government of Japan visited Marine Corps Air Station Futenma June 5 for a luncheon, tour and viewing of a static display of an MV-22B Osprey aircraft.

The U.S. Ministry of Foreign Affairs invited the representatives to deepen the understanding of the mission and purpose of MCAS Futenma and the Osprey. The members consisted of Ryota Takeda, the chairperson of the Standing Committee on Security; Akira Sato, the parliamentary vice minister of the Ministry of Defense; 13 members from the House of Representatives of Japan and 13 other government of Japan officials.

“Thanks to what I learned today, I have a better understanding of
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Timberlake relinquishes command of 3rd MEB

Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry

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CAMP COURTNEY — The 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade held a change of command ceremony on Camp Courtney June 12.

Brig. Gen. Craig Q. Timberlake relinquished command to Col. John A. Ostrowski, the former chief of staff of 3rd MEB. Brig. Gen. Paul J. Kennedy will assume command later this summer.

Timberlake enlisted in the Marine Corps in May 1977 and was meritoriously promoted to staff sergeant in January 1982. He was commissioned through the enlisted commissioning program in August 1984. Before his assignment as the commanding general of 3rd MEB in February 2011, he was the chief of staff of III Marine Expeditionary Force. Timberlake's next assignment will be as the deputy commanding general, Regional Command North, International Security Assistance Force, Afghanistan.
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Senior leaders of III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Installations Pacific stand at attention during the conclusion of a change of command ceremony June 12 at Camp Courtney. Brig. Gen. Craig Q. Timberlake (2nd from the right), relinquished command to Col. John A. Ostrowski. Brig. Gen. Paul J. Kennedy will assume command later this summer. Timberlake will be the deputy commanding general, Regional Command North, International Security Assistance Force, Afghanistan.
Photo by Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry

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Celebrating FATHER'S DAY

Fathers guide us into the people we become

Cpl. Alyssa N. Gunton

A father is defined as a man who has begotten a child. Fathers can also be a stepfather, adoptive father, father-in-law or a father figure who made an impact in your life.

A father figure is also regarded as a paternal protector; a forefather or ancestor; an originator, founder or inventor; or any man deserving of respect or reverence.

The dictionary can't capture the specific things a father figure does because everyone's father is something different to them, be it a helper, fixer, worker, teacher, mentor, hero, coach and leader. He is wise, compassionate, loving, caring, funny, intelligent, courageous, tough and strong.

When I think of Father's Day, I instantly try to find a way to show my dad how much I value him. I think of gifts to give him, which I can rarely find because he seems to have everything. I think of making him food, but then I remember he cooks so much better than I do. I look for cards, but they can never capture exactly what I want to say.

My dad is someone who continuously puts his children first in every situation. He worked 10-hour day shifts seven days a week to ensure he could provide us the life he felt we deserved.

He raised my siblings and me to strive to exceed our potential. He made sure we learned the most we could in school. He taught us discipline by ensuring we did our homework and chores. And when times seemed difficult, he taught us humor by always having a joke to tell.

He took the time to teach us morals, standards and how to be

independent. By motivating my brother to do his best, he became the hard-worker he is now. By showing my sister how to provide for a family, she developed into the loving mother she is today. By teaching me to always strive to be more than ordinary, he helped me to become the Marine I am.

The Marine Corps trains its leaders to embody many of the traits my father possesses and passed on to me.

Our 13th commandant, Gen. John A. Lejeune, said it well:

"The relation between officers and enlisted men should in no sense be that of superior and inferior nor that of master and servant, but rather that of teacher and scholar. In fact, it should partake of the nature of the relation between father and son, to the extent that officers are responsible for the physical, mental and moral welfare, as well as the discipline and military training of the young men under their command."

Although Lejeune speaks specifically to the relationship between officers and enlisted, I feel that the paternal instincts he expected and required are applicable to Marines at all levels of leadership regardless of gender.

As a noncommissioned officer, I am charged with ensuring the Marines around me are disciplined and trained with the understanding that it is for their overall well-being, just as Lejeune directed and how my own father raised me.

This Father's Day, take a moment to tell or show your father, or father figure, how valuable and important he is to you, and always represent the positive values he demonstrated.

Gunton is a combat correspondent with the Okinawa Marine newspaper.

AROUND
THE
CORPS



Marines sample different edible plants and fruit June 4 during jungle survival training with Royal Thai Marines during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training exercise 2013 at Camp Samaesan, Thailand. CARAT is a series of bilateral military exercises between the U.S. Navy and the armed forces of Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Kingdom of Thailand and Timor Leste. The Marines are assigned to Company I, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Cpl. John C. Lamb



U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps members from Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., perform during a sunset parade at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va., June 4. Photo by Lance Cpl. Larry Babilya

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Water, boating safety paramount

Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson

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CAMP FOSTER — From spending time on a watercraft to enjoying recreational swimming at a beach, water activities are a popular way to beat the summer heat on Okinawa.

Unfortunately, these activities can lead to dangerous situations if people are not aware of potential hazards in their surroundings.

“When conducting water activities in open water, it’s important you are aware of the current sea condition and weather forecast for that day,” said Shawn M. Curtis, the deputy safety director of Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler and Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

There are three different sea conditions: sea condition all clear, which is the ideal condition for water-related activities; sea condition caution, during which hazardous conditions may exist and one should exercise caution while entering the water; and sea condition danger, which denotes the existence of possible life-threatening conditions.

As of April 30, the III Marine Expeditionary Force/MCIPAC Order 5101.1, Change 1, permits personnel to enter the water during SC-D under the following conditions: for recreational daytime swimming at areas on or off base staffed by lifeguards and open to the public for use, professionally monitored athletic competitions staffed with trained rescue personnel and taking place aboard Okuma Beach, Torii Station and White Beach, or when an installation’s commander determines the sea state is safe enough for water activities.

The number one cause of off-duty fatalities for service members stationed in the continental U.S. is motor vehicle accidents. However, on Okinawa the leading cause of off-duty fatalities is recreational-water activities.

“From 2000 to 2004, roughly 50 percent of all recreational drowning-related fatalities in the Marine Corps took place on Okinawa,” said Curtis. “Since April 2004, the installation safety office initiated an aggressive water safety campaign. We posted signs at the most hazardous coastal locations, in Kanji and English, to warn all personnel. Since then, the loss of service members engaged in water sports has been greatly reduced. In 2012, there was only one water-related fatality within the military community on Okinawa.”

The greatest threat personnel face while swimming in coastal waters are rip currents, according to Curtis.

Rip currents are created as water moves away



from the coast and back to sea between two obstructions such as reefs, piers, jetties or sandbars, added Curtis. The water follows the path of least resistance, which is through deep underwater terrain features, causing a channel of fast moving water which may pull a person farther out to sea.

“What you should do if you get caught in a rip current is stay calm,” said Curtis. “Panicking will exhaust you, which often leads to drowning. Keep yourself afloat until the rip current drags you out into deeper water where it dissipates. Then, swim along the shoreline out of the current or at an angle toward shore. Furthermore, try to get someone’s attention on shore by waving your arms or shouting, so they can get you help.”

Some recommended precautions to take prior to swimming are to let someone know where you are going and when you will be back, have a way to contact help if something goes wrong, never swim alone, and remember that sea condition all clear does not necessarily mean the water in the area is completely safe, according to Curtis.

As well as being safe while swimming, one should also take proper precautions before using a watercraft.

“Prior to operating a boat, there are a few things you should always ensure before launching the vessel,” said Curtis. “Ensure the boat has enough appropriately sized life vests for each member aboard. You should provide a manifest with names of everyone onboard to a responsible person on land, such as a marina employee. You should also ensure that the boat is in good working condition, that you have enough fuel and oil for the day, and a communication device is aboard to contact emergency services if needed. The worst place to have engine problems or run out of fuel is when you are already in the water.”

For more information pertaining to water and boating safety and sea conditions visit the MCIPAC safety office’s website at: <http://www.mcipac.marines.mil/LivinginOkinawa/WaterSafetyInformation.aspx>.

BRIEFS

EXTENSION OF OVERSEAS HOUSING ALLOWANCE SURVEY

The Overseas Housing Allowance Utility/Move-In Housing Allowance Survey for Japan has been extended to June 17.

Service members are encouraged to participate, so that accurate utility and move-in allowances are established by the Defense Travel Management Office.

The survey can be accessed from the links below:

- <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/oha-util-may.cfm>
- <http://www.usfj.mil/>

IMPLEMENTATION OF EARLY BIRD BUS SCHEDULE

The Green Line will launch an “Early Bird” service from Camp Schwab to Foster via Hansen during the week starting June 17.

For more information, contact the GME Fleet Manager at 645-3773 or the GME Operations Officer at 645-3657.

MARINE AND SAILOR SUCCESS PROGRAM OFFERING CLASSES

The Marine and sailor success program will be accepting applications until Aug. 1 for classes beginning Aug. 19.

The program offers an opportunity for service members to be enrolled in an eight-week academic program to strengthen English and mathematics skills for future career and educational goals.

For more information, call the MCCS Education Services Officer at 645-7160.

CREDO FAMILY ENRICHMENT RETREAT

The Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation Okinawa will host a free family retreat at the YYY Resort July 10-12 on Ie Shima.

The retreat is focused on strengthening teamwork among family members.

For more information, call 645-3041.

RETRACTION: On page 10 in the May 31 issue of the Okinawa Marine newspaper, the Camp Foster base access operator number was listed incorrectly. The correct number is 098-911-5111.

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Community members, Marines repair church



Novoru Shokita, right, and Lance Cpl. Camron D. Myers repair the roof of a church June 7. The Marines with 7th Communication Battalion volunteer every month in the local community. Shokita is a construction worker on the site, and Myers is an electrical repair specialist with 7th Comm. Bn., III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF. Photo by Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry

Talleri retires after 34 years, leaves legacy

Lance Cpl. Elizabeth A. Case
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CAMP FOSTER — After more than three decades of faithful and dedicated Marine Corps service, Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, the commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Pacific and Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, will retire June 14 and leave Marines with an inspiring legacy.

Talleri will retire after completing the MCIPAC and MCB Butler change of command ceremony with Maj. Gen. Charles L. Hudson.

Talleri realized early in life that he wanted to serve and lead others in the military.

“I realized that the opportunities to lead were where my interests laid,” said Talleri. “Becoming an officer was about wanting to lead Marines and having the privilege of doing that for the past 34 years has been quite an honor.”

Talleri graduated Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in 1979. His wife, Deborah Talleri, was there for both moments. She would serve alongside her husband for the next 34 years, witnessing and participating in Maj. Gen. Talleri’s military career from the promising beginning to its honorable end.

“This has been nothing like we ever imagined when we first began our career and got married,” said Deborah. “It’s been exciting and fascinating, and I wouldn’t trade any of it for the world. We have been blessed to have the opportunity to serve with so many wonderful people over the years, and that’s what I will miss the most.”

After serving at locations across the globe, Talleri views the greatest

moment of his career as witnessing Marines using their training in real-world situations.

“During Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, it was knowing and having confidence in the training we provided our young Marines. To watch them excel on the battlefield; that to me was probably my biggest accomplishment,” said Maj. Gen. Talleri. “Our senior leaders did their utmost to provide the best resources and training. To see that executed on the battlefield by the Marines and staff noncommissioned officers who lead them was exemplary.”

The understanding of his family and a passion for leading Marines inspired Talleri to serve well beyond the 20-year retirement mark.

“It was easy to continue to serve. My family was happy, and I loved what I was doing,” Talleri explained. “Having the privilege to wake up and lead Marines each and every day, I’m not sure it gets any better than that.”

After more than three decades of service and bearing witness to an ever-changing and oftentimes volatile world, Talleri is confident Marines can respond to any future crises.

“The biggest challenge is in front of us,” said Talleri. “We’re going to downsize. We know that the nation’s budget is tight and the world requires us to have a global presence. The Marine Corps has been at this for 237 years, and I’m confident that we will face this challenge and all others head-on. We are a 9-1-1 ready force, and we will always continue to be that way as the U.S. Marine Corps. The nation has nothing to worry about because the Marines



Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri speaks to service members of 3rd Marine Logistics Group Feb. 22 in Sattahip, Chonburi province, Kingdom of Thailand, during exercise Cobra Gold 2013. Talleri praised the Marines’ work and discussed the overall importance of the exercise. Talleri, the commanding general of Marine Corps Installations Pacific and Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, will retire June 14. 3rd MLG is part of III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Pfc. Mike Granahan

will always be there for them.”

Talleri’s confidence in the abilities of Marines to accomplish any mission provides him peace of mind as he begins his retirement from the Marine Corps, according to Deborah. The retirement marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the Talleri family.

“We will both miss being a direct part of the active-duty military, but we are excited to be able to spend more time with our families again,” said Deborah. “We look forward to settling into our new community but mostly being around our children. We have two grandchildren arriving soon, and we are beyond thrilled.”

Even though he is retiring from active duty, other family members will carry on the legacy of leading Marines, according to Talleri.

“Once a Marine, always a Marine,” Talleri added. “I am leaving active duty, but I am not leaving the Marine Corps. I had the honor of re-enlisting my nephew at Marine Corps Base Hawaii last month. It’s

extremely gratifying to know that there is another Marine in the family on active duty and that we have the honor of watching him continue to do great things for our Corps.”

Deborah went on to share valuable advice for Marines and their families.

“You always have to be flexible because you never know what challenge, move or transition is going to come,” said Deborah. “So for a new spouse, you need to remain flexible as soon as you get somewhere. Become a part of your new community and get to know people.”

For Talleri, being a Marine will always be something he holds close.

“I would want individuals to know that being a U.S. Marine will by far be the most important thing I will do in my profession and in my lifetime,” he said. “I learned at a young point in my career that as an officer you serve to lead Marines. Having the privilege to do that in both peace and war has, and always will be, the most rewarding experience in my life. I’m very proud to have served.”

3rd Supply Bn. welcomes Wahlgren



Wahlgren



Castro

Lt. Col. Kipp A. Wahlgren assumed command of 3rd Supply Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, from Lt. Col. Robert T. Castro during a ceremony on Camp Kinser June 4. Castro commanded 3rd Supply Bn. since June 2011 and will attend the Marine Corps University at Quantico, Va. Wahlgren’s previous assignment was at Camp Courtney where he served as the deputy assistant chief of staff, G-4, supply and logistics, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF.

3rd Maintenance Bn. receives Nunn



Nunn



Beaudoin

Maj. Keith G. Nunn assumed command of 3rd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, from Lt. Col. Jason A. Beaudoin during a ceremony on Camp Kinser June 4. Beaudoin commanded 3rd Maintenance Bn. since June 2011 and will become the assistant chief of staff, G-4, supply and logistics, 3rd MLG, III MEF. Nunn’s previous assignment was at Camp Kinser where he served as the executive officer of 3rd Maintenance Bn.



Philippine service members and U.S. Marines of 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade organize relief supplies Dec. 13, 2012 at Villamor Air Base in Manila, Republic of the Philippines. After the supplies were organized onto pallets, they were flown to Davao International Airport in Mindanao to be distributed to the victims of Typhoon Pablo (international name Bopha) by Philippine government and nongovernmental organizations. Photo by Cpl. Matthew Manning

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Following that he will be the director of Manpower Management, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps.

Kennedy was commissioned as a second lieutenant in May 1985. His previous assignment was as the director, U.S. Marine Corps Division of Public Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps.

Since its reactivation in 2011, 3rd MEB has been continuously engaged in the Asia-Pacific region with real-world operations, annual exercises, realistic training and a continuous forward presence, according to Timberlake.

"I have seen the organization grow over the last two years by leaps and bounds, and to see the difference between two years ago and today is tremendous," said Timberlake.

The changes in 3rd MEB have been noticeable to the staff and beneficial for the readiness of III MEF as well, according to Ostrowski.

"We have grown significantly in personnel and capabilities since our reactivation," said Ostrowski. "From a skeleton staff of just a few Marines, 3rd MEB will be fully operationally capable with 88 Marines and sailors in the command element by the end of this fiscal year."

These capabilities have already been tested and refined through humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations to include Operation Tomodachi, flood relief in the Kingdom of Thailand and Typhoon Bopha relief in the Republic of the Philippines, according to Ostrowski.

In addition, Marines and sailors of 3rd MEB have built relationships across the Asia-Pacific region by leading exercises such as Balikatan, U.S. and Philippine Forces Bilateral Amphibious Landing Exercise, Ssang Yong and Yama Sakura, Ostrowski added.

As a scalable, standing, joint-capable and



Brig. Gen. Craig Q. Timberlake, left, and Lt. Col. Michael C. Monti uncover the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade torii sign following the 3rd MEB reactivation ceremony at Camp Courtney Dec. 13, 2011. The Okinawa-based MEB is responsible for providing a scalable emergency response capability throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Timberlake is the commanding general of 3rd MEB, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and the deputy commanding general of III MEF. Photo by Sgt. Rebekkah Heite

forward-deployed headquarters, 3rd MEB provides commanders flexibility, according to Lt. Col. Rodney Legowski, the 3rd MEB operations officer. This includes the ability to tailor the response appropriately to accomplish any mission.

"Along with becoming initially operationally capable last September, 3rd MEB has also been designated as III MEF's alert contingency Marine Air-Ground Task Force," added Legowski.

When not deployed in support of their regional partners, Marines with 3rd MEB have received training from the U.S. Agency for International Development and U.S. Pacific

Command, to include the joint humanitarian operations course and humanitarian assistance response training.

The Marines of 3rd MEB have done an incredible job of building the unit from the ground up and leading the service members placed under their charge during a wide variety of operations and exercises, according to Timberlake.

"I would like to thank the Marines of 3rd MEB," said Timberlake. "In the two years I have been here, there have been hundreds if not thousands of Marines assigned to it. I know these Marines will continue to set the bar high."

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why MCAS Futenma is important," said Hirofumi Takeda, director general of the Okinawa Defense Bureau, Ministry of Defense. "I understand now that MCAS Futenma plays a big role in providing support not only for Japan, but for countries all over the Pacific."

Following the luncheon, the representatives were given a tour of MCAS Futenma followed by an opportunity to view a static display of an Osprey assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

The display consisted of a demonstration of the Osprey rotating its rotors into position for take off, as well as an opportunity for everyone to go inside the Osprey to examine the cockpit.

During the static display, the representatives were briefed on the capabilities of the Osprey across a wide range of mission sets.

"I learned a lot about the Osprey," said Takeda. "I now have a better understanding of the role that it plays, as well as its capabilities."

It was a positive experience overall for the representatives that attended, according to Lt. Col. Sean P. Patak, the executive officer of MCAS Futenma, Marine Corps Installations Pacific. As the day ended, both parties felt that the event was successful and a common understanding about the role of the air station and its aircraft was achieved.

"Opportunities like these provide the public and government officials a better understanding of MCAS Futenma's mission along with the importance of the Osprey in the region," said Patak.

Marines execute rocket battle drills at Fuji

Story and photos by Cpl. Adam B. Miller

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A convoy of Humvees travels down a gravel road in the countryside. In the distance, two armored vehicles come into view. “Hostile light armor identified, dismount and engage!” Two Marines quickly jump from their Humvee, acquire the target, and engage with an AT-4 light anti-armor weapon.

The Marines with combined anti-armor team faced this simulated scenario June 3 at the North Training Area at Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji while executing combat scenario drills. During the drills, they dismounted their vehicles to engage simulated enemy targets with their AT-4 light anti-armor weapons.

“We wanted to incorporate rocket battle drills to better use our dismounts for combat operations,” said Sgt. Scott A. Howard, an anti-tank missileman with Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, which is currently assigned to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine

Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, under the unit deployment program.

A rocket battle drill consists of two Marines dismounting from a Humvee, running up to the firing line, acquiring their target, and then engaging the target with the AT-4 weapon system, according to Howard.

“The AT-4 is used primarily to eliminate a light-armored threat,” said Howard. “In a typical real-world scenario, Marines in a convoy would alert the CAAT of an approaching threat.”

In order to eliminate the threat and reduce the risk of Marine casualties, two Marines dismount their vehicle and move into a safe and advantageous position to fire upon the threat, according to Howard.

This was the first time firing the AT-4 for some of the Marines involved in the training.

“The training we’re doing here has been really valuable for us because we’ve never fired this weapon system before, and we have to be prepared for any battle situation,” said Lance Cpl. Masami D. Rouse, a machine gunner with Weapons Co., 3rd

Bn., 6th Marines. “It is absolutely vital that we are confident in our abilities and knowledgeable of all the weapons systems we use.”

In addition to building confidence by using the weapon, the benefit of being in a combined anti-armor team comprised of multiple military occupational specialties brings different perspectives toward mission accomplishment, according to Sgt. Chad W. Wooten, a machine gunner with Weapons Co., 3rd Bn., 6th Marines.

“I get to work with machine gunners, riflemen and anti-tank missilemen, who culminate into one capability that is the combined anti-armor team,” Wooten added. “And we pack a heavy punch when we get on the battlefield.”

The Marine Corps unit deployment program sees the rotation of U.S.-based units to III MEF for six months and is designed to provide the rotational units unique training opportunities while augmenting the capabilities of III MEF.



Sgt. Zach G. Gayden, left, and Sgt. Scott A. Howard celebrate their success after a training evolution June 3 at the North Training Area at Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji. The CAAT is comprised of numerous military occupational specialties to include machine gunners, riflemen and anti-tank missilemen.

Marines with combined anti-armor team conduct weapon familiarization training June 3 at the North Training Area at Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji. It was the first time for many of the Marines to fire the AT-4 light anti-armor weapon. The Marines are with the CAAT of Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, which is currently assigned to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, under the unit deployment program. The combat correspondent captured the photo at a shutter speed of 1/160th of a second, creating a multiple-exposure effect of the AT-4 gunner, as well as capturing the dust being shaken from the Marines' helmets as a result of the shockwave created from the concussion of the weapon's back-blast.



1st Lt. Dylan R. Buck, right, leads a combined anti-armor team to the firing line June 3 at the North Training Area at Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji. The CAAT is comprised of Marines with different military occupational specialties to include machine gunners, riflemen and anti-tank misslemen, combined to create an anti-armor capability.

Marines participate in 9th annual fishing tournament

Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson

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As the dark blue waves violently rocked the white fishing boat back and forth, the Marines aboard waited anxiously. “Fish on line!” exclaimed Master Sgt. Mark D. McLaughlin, as the other fishermen quickly reeled in the adjacent lines to ensure they did not get tangled.

McLaughlin quickly grabbed the fishing rod, took his place in the weathered wooden chair, and began methodically battling the fish with each turn of the reel.

A group of five Marines with 3rd Maintenance Battalion participated in the 9th annual Sam’s Cup International Billfish Tournament June 8-9 off the coast of Okinawa.

“The tournament was established in 2005 by the Ryukyu Islands Sport Fishing Association,” said Chuck Church, the Sam’s Cup fleet commodore and event coordinator. “The Okinawa and international communities wanted to organize a low-cost fishing competition. The 2005 inaugural tournament featured seven local teams vying for bragging rights and a trophy. The event has grown to an international tournament comprising teams from all over the world with the 2013 tournament featuring more than 50 entrants.”

This year’s 36-hour tournament was the largest to date, according to Church.

The tournament started at 6 a.m., June 8, off the coast of Okinawa in the East China Sea and continued until 6 p.m., June 9.

“Just before the start of the tournament, all the boats met up at the Ginowan Marina at 6 a.m.,” said McLaughlin, a participant and engineer equipment chief with Engineer Maintenance Company, 3rd Maintenance Bn., Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine



Marines patiently wait for a bite as the sun rises June 9 in the East China Sea during the 9th annual Sam’s Cup International Billfish Tournament off the coast of Okinawa. The tournament officials award the teams for the heaviest fish and the heaviest total catches with a trophy and bragging rights for the year. The Marines are with 3rd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson

Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. “All the boats got on line waiting so they could take off. As soon as the time came, it was pandemonium as all the boats scattered separate ways as fast as they could. It was an incredible sight.”

Each year the tournament officials award a grand prize to the teams with the heaviest fish and the heaviest total catch.

This year the YYY Club Ie Resort team was awarded for the heaviest fish after catching a black marlin that weighed 668 pounds and took over an hour to reel in, according to

Robin Miller, the Okinawa USO area director. With that catch adding significantly to their total weight, the YYY team earned honors for the heaviest overall catch as well.

To some, the fishing tournament was just that, a tournament, and all they cared about was the competition. While others entered for the simple joy of fishing, added McLaughlin.

“It was an enjoyable experience,” said McLaughlin. “Even though my team didn’t catch anything big, it doesn’t bother us because we know it’s called fishing and not catching for a reason.”

MOSC awards qualified students with academic scholarships

Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

The Marine Officers’ Spouses’ Club awarded scholarships to 10 Okinawa area students June 4 at The Marine Gift Shop on Camp Foster.

The MOSC awards scholarships annually to qualified high school students each spring.

“To be eligible for a scholarship, the student must have a family member that is a Marine or is a retired Marine working on Okinawa,” said Katy Tomlinson, the scholarship chairperson of the MOSC. “They must also be in their last year of high school or currently in college and be excelling academically.”

More than \$12,000 was granted to the deserving students, according to Tomlinson.

“The purpose of the scholarship money is to assist students with tuition, books or fees,” said Tomlinson. “The money goes directly to the college, but the student can then use it for what their needs dictate.”

The club’s main purpose is to create a social network for its members while supporting philanthropic interests in the Okinawa and U.S. communities.

“We are here to help support the students in any way we can,” said Kate Johnson, the MOSC president. “That means we support everything from sports, language clubs and academic scholarships.”

While organizations can support a student, the ultimate drive comes from within the family.

“I can say that witnessing my father faithfully serve his country as a Marine, and even now as a Department of Defense civilian, has shown me what good can come out of service to others,” said Grant

Loftesnes, a scholarship recipient and student at American University in Washington, D.C. “To give back to one’s community in even the smallest of amounts is to make a difference to someone.”

Some of the recipients plan to use their scholarship for not only academic purposes but also to impact their community in a positive way.

“I have been inspired to work for others,” said Makayla Palazzo, a scholarship recipient and Kubasaki High School senior. “After undergraduate school, where I plan to major in international affairs, I want to join the Peace Corps to help communities in developing nations. Afterward, I plan to attend graduate school and earn my Juris Doctor in international law. Then, hopefully, I can work for the U.S. Foreign Service or the United Nations.”

Several of the scholarship recipients expressed their appreciation for the opportunities afforded to them at the early stages of their academic careers.

“Being a military family member has allowed me to have a wider outlook on life, inspired a patriotic sense of mind, and opened up new opportunities,” said Stephen Guyton Jr., a scholarship recipient and Kadena High School senior. “I will be forever grateful for what military service has done for me and how it has affected my lifestyle for the better. Life is too short to not appreciate what you have, and you should always go for opportunities when they come around.”

The members of the club hope to assist more students in pursuing their degrees, according to Tomlinson.

“We hope that we can get more applicants,” said Tomlinson. “The more applicants we get, the more scholarships we can award to deserving students.”

For more information about the MOSC or the scholarships, please visit www.moscokinawa1.org.



Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense specialists practice evacuating a simulated casualty from a hazardous area May 24 during a reconnaissance fitness test at Camp Hansen. The CBRN Marines performed the fitness test to prepare for their upcoming deployment with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

CBRN Marines prepare for deployment with 31st MEU

**Story and photos by
Pfc. Kasey Peacock**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

On a hot, humid day, the average person would consider drinking an ice-cold beverage by a pool, or spending a relaxing day indoors with the air conditioner on.

For chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense specialists assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force, a day like this is an excellent opportunity to better prepare themselves for future responses in any kind of environment, according to Staff Sgt. John C. Bettenhausen, the CBRN chief with the 31st MEU.

The Marines performed a reconnaissance fitness test at Camp Hansen May 24 in Level B chemical protective suits to prepare themselves for an upcoming deployment at sea.

"As first-responders, we never know what kind of environment we might be walking into," said Bettenhausen. "We do our best to train as often as we can in various climates to stay constantly ready."

The fitness test is designed to challenge the CBRN Marines with realistic crisis response scenarios, according to Lance

Cpl. Aaron A. Mendoza, a CBRN defense specialist with Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III MEF, currently assigned to the 31st MEU.

"The test begins with us walking a lap in the suit to simulate responding to a scene," said Mendoza. "We then simulate evacuating a casualty away from the hazardous area and finish by containing a mock spill and securing that area."

The challenges of the fitness test are increased while wearing the hazmat suits as the oxygen tanks have limited air, according to Lance Cpl. Ronald P. Cassidy, a CBRN defense specialist with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF, currently assigned to the 31st MEU.

"Not only are we practicing to be proficient, but also to be efficient," said Cassidy. "We are always striving to improve. The more we get done on our limited air the better. It is evident with all the training we have been doing that we are getting more proficient and working faster and better as a team."

Along with the fitness test, the Marines have been preparing on a weekly basis for their upcoming deployment by attending and teaching CBRN-related classes



Lance Cpl. Justin D. McTaggart gasps for air after removing his Level B chemical protective mask May 24 during a reconnaissance fitness test at Camp Hansen. The fitness test challenged the Marines with simulated crisis response scenarios they may encounter as first-responders with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. McTaggart is a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense specialist with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, currently assigned to the 31st MEU, III MEF.

and training with other units, according to Bettenhausen.

"We teach the Marines a variety of intensive classes directly related to being a CBRN specialist and a first-responder," said Bettenhausen. "Along with the classes pertaining to our job, we have done training with explosive ordnance disposal Marines to learn about various unknown liquids and bomb-defusing procedures."

Marines with CBRN units

across the major subordinate commands of III MEF come together for six-month rotational deployments with the 31st MEU, according to Bettenhausen.

"Each cycle, we rotate a new group of 15 guys," said Bettenhausen. "It can be challenging at first, but after a week everyone seems to get synchronized and becomes prepared to accomplish our mission as first-responders with the 31st MEU."

Flightline fair showcases military aircraft

Lance Cpl. Elizabeth A. Case

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

The summer months in Japan offer many opportunities for people to experience a variety of events and festivals. U.S. personnel on Okinawa view this festive season as a chance to highlight the military installations and display the equipment and tools they use every day.

Marine Corps Air Station Futenma hosted its 35th annual Futenma Flightline Fair June 8 and 9.

The event provided an opportunity for Okinawa community members, status of forces agreement personnel and U.S. service members to come together and enjoy carnival games, rides and delicious food all while learning about various types of military equipment and their purpose on Okinawa.

"I like the festival because you get to win prizes and see these cool planes," said Abby Emory, a five-year-old child and festivalgoer. "At the festival, you can build relationships with everyone and get more friends."

In addition to food, live music and games, visitors viewed a wide array of military vehicles and static aircraft displays such as an RT240 rough terrain container handler, three F/A-18 Hornets, a KC-135 Stratotanker, two MV-22B Ospreys and a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter. The vehicles and aircraft are



Okinawa community members, status of forces agreement personnel and U.S. service members stand in line to enter a C-130 Hercules transport aircraft June 8 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma during the 35th annual Futenma Flightline Fair. Visitors had the opportunity to learn about the capabilities of many U.S. Marine Corps and Air Force aircraft as part of the experience. The C-130 is assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Elizabeth A. Case

assigned to various units with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and the U.S. Air Force's 18th Wing.

One of the more popular attractions at the static display was the Osprey, according to Capt. Bryan G. Hole, an Osprey pilot with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st MAW. As helicopter squadrons on Okinawa transition from the CH-46E to the Osprey, many people are interested in the different capabilities of the aircraft.

"I think it's extremely important for the public to learn about the Osprey," said Hole. "We have demonstrated that we can operate safely through hours of safe flying time around Okinawa. Getting the

public to see the aircraft and explaining what we do enables them to have confidence in our ability to fly safely and help them in the event of a crisis."

The community members also expressed their shared enjoyment of the festival.

"It is really fun to see the aircraft at this festival," said Setsuko Nakamura, a festivalgoer from Ginowan City. "When I see the Osprey fly by, I realize that this is something we need to understand. The Osprey was deployed in order to protect our country. This is for our defense, and we need to remember that."

For some attendees, the fair was about more than festivities, but rather a chance to learn about the unique aspects of U.S. culture

that the service members and their families bring to Okinawa, according to Naomi Tamanaha, an attendee from Nanjyo City.

"These events are good for the communication between Japan and the U.S.," said Tamanaha. "I have been coming to this festival since I was young, so I am accustomed to that communication, but for Okinawa this is a special event because it is a good chance to practice speaking English."

Dazzling fireworks ended the Futenma Flightline Fair with a bang, and the visitors were able to enjoy the educational and entertaining experience with the hope of attending events like this in the near future, according to Tamanaha.

Families stroll into positive, lasting impressions during event

Lance Cpl. Anne K. Henry

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Whether conducting physical training or traveling to work, it is difficult not to notice groups of women running with strollers. What some people may not realize about these individuals is that many are part of the "Stroller Warriors," a group of women who meet for recreational activities and have a common goal of making a positive and lasting impression on their community.

The Stroller Warriors hosted women of the Urawa Single Mothers Shelter and their children for a day of fun, food and friendship June 8 at Camp Kinser.

"A big part of what the Stroller Warriors do is give back to our community," said Kelly Mulder, the event coordinator, founder of Stroller Warriors and Marine spouse. "We do monthly events with the shelter and try to alternate between us visiting them off base or them coming on Camp Kinser."

This event was beneficial because it strengthened the friendship between the two

groups of mothers who share many of the same concerns when it comes to the community they live in, according to Mulder.

"The relationships we are building with these women and their children are critical," said Mulder. "Days such as this are about both parties participating, getting outside of their comfort zones, looking beyond the small cultural differences, and recognizing the universal similarities of being a mom."

The Stroller Warriors offered activities and food to the Okinawa mothers and their children who socialized with the families living on base, according to Taiki Chibana, the manager of the Urawa Single Mothers Shelter.

"It is great to see the local children interact with the children living on Camp Kinser," said Chibana. "Even though they have a language barrier, they do not care. These children just

see another child who can be their friend."

In addition to the lunch, the children participated in outdoor activities set up by the Stroller Warriors.

"I enjoy coming here and making new friends with the other children," said Kaito Terukina, an Okinawa child participating in the event.

Although the day was centered on the children's interaction, it was also an opportunity for the mothers to relate with each other and learn how similar motherhood is between the culturally different neighbors.

As the children began to grow tired, it was apparent that the day had a powerful and long-lasting impact on those who attended, according to Yui Kando, an Okinawa mother.

"I love coming here and spending time with the other families," said Kando. "Coming here and seeing my child interact with the American children is wonderful and a great opportunity for them to learn and grow."

"These children just see another child who can be their friend."

Taiki Chibana

In Theaters Now

JUNE 14 - 20

FOSTER

TODAY After Earth (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
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SUNDAY After Earth (PG13), 1, 4, and 7 p.m.
MONDAY After Earth (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY The Internship (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY The Internship (PG13), 7 p.m.
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TODAY After Earth (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Internship (PG13), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Epic (PG), noon; After Earth (PG13), 3 and 6 p.m.; The Internship (PG13), 9 p.m.
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MONDAY The Internship (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY After Earth (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY The Great Gatsby (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY After Earth (PG13), 7 p.m.

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TODAY After Earth (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
SATURDAY After Earth (PG13), 3 p.m.; The Internship (PG13), 6 p.m.
SUNDAY After Earth (PG13), 3 p.m.; The Internship (PG13), 6 p.m.
MONDAY The Internship (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY The Internship (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Closed

FUTENMA

TODAY After Earth (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY After Earth (PG13), 4 and 7 p.m.
SUNDAY The Internship (PG13), 4 p.m.; After Earth (PG13), 7 p.m.
MONDAY After Earth (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY-THURSDAY Closed

KINSER

TODAY After Earth (PG13), 3 p.m.
SATURDAY After Earth (PG13), 3 p.m.; The Internship (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY After Earth (PG13), 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.; The Internship (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
MONDAY-TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY The Internship (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY After Earth (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

SCHWAB

TODAY The Internship (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
SATURDAY After Earth (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Scary Movie 5 (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

HANSEN

TODAY After Earth (PG13), 7 and 10 p.m.
SATURDAY After Earth (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY After Earth (PG13), 3 and 6 p.m.
MONDAY The Internship (PG13), 6 p.m.; After Earth (PG13), 9 p.m.
TUESDAY The Internship (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY The Purge (R), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY After Earth (PG13), 7 p.m.

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AQUARIUM AND EXPO PARK TRIP

• The SMP is hosting a trip to the Churaumi Aquarium at Ocean Expo Park June 16. Come see the various aquatic creatures and other areas at the park. For more information, contact your unit representative or the SMP office.

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TEST YOUR CORPS KNOWLEDGE:

Who was the first Marine inducted into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame?

See answer in next week's issue

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Which battle involved the heaviest urban fighting of the Vietnam War?

ANSWER:

The Battle of Hue, which lasted from Jan. 30 to March 3, 1968, and resulted in the deaths of more than two-thousand North Vietnamese and more than 600 Allied forces.



Japanese phrase of the week:

“Daijobu desuka?”

(pronounced: dah-ee-jo-boo dehs-kah)

It means, “Are you ok?”



CHAPLAINS' CORNER

“What Do You Live For?”

Finding reason for ultimate question

Lt. Barrett D. Craig
 3RD SUPPLY BATTALION CHAPLAIN

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “I submit to you that if a man hasn’t discovered something he will die for, he isn’t fit to live.”

I actually had a conversation about this subject with a friend not too long ago. I asked him what he thought was worth dying for. He said, “I don’t want to die for anything, I just want to live.” He then said, “I guess I would die to live, but then that would defeat the whole purpose of wanting to live, wouldn’t it?” We both laughed.

I remember being confronted for the first time as a young man about what I was living for, and what I thought was worth dying for. For some reason I remember being very affected by the question. What is there worth dying for?

In many ways, contemplating what’s worth dying for involves a massive

philosophical and spiritual journey. What’s worth dying for gets right to the core of your soul, even more, the overall aim of your life! If you are going to die for something, you only get one chance — and you can never take it back.

I believe there are some things worth dying for. As a military member, for me to say I am committed to freedom demands me to be willing to say without reservation, “I am an American fighting in the armed forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.” As a Christian, for me to say I trust Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord demands me to heed His words when He says, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

I believe both of these things are worth dying for. I am also convinced that both are worth living for.

What do you live for? What are you willing to die for?

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